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## Demonstrating God

By REV. VANCE HAVNER

"And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."—Acts 1:7, 8.

I was having lunch with a doctor friend in a university club. He pointed out several professors distinguished for brilliance in various fields. Some scientists at that university are noted for their achievements in the atomic research. As the doctor and I talked, it was remarked that although atomic power is indeed astounding, after all there is already in the world a power beside which even atomic power fades into insignificance. The world was set on fire by that power long ago. And if scientists give themselves tirelessly to studying the laws of atomic power, how Christians ought to study spiritual power, the power of the Holy Spirit, how it works and how to demonstrate it!

There is a mistaken idea among us that the laws of the Spirit are

indefinite, hit-or-miss, capricious. That is not true. The principles on which the Spirit works are as fixed and certain as the laws of the natural world. To be sure, the Spirit is compared to the wind in the Scriptures but the wind obeys laws. "Obey the law of the wind and the wind will obey you," said G. Campbell Morgan. This law is revealed in the Word of God. There is mystery indeed, just as there is in the wind. There is mystery in electricity, but Morse and Edison and Marconi have demonstrated something of its power. We do not understand all about the power of the Spirit but Finney and Wesley and Moody and countless others have demonstrated that power to their day and generation. We need today a "demonstration of the Spirit and of power." God invites us to prove Him. His eyes run to and fro throughout the whole earth to shew Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him. The psalmist prayed that God would not forsake him until he had shewed God's strength unto his generation and His power to every one that was to come. The crying need today is that we not merely discuss but demonstrate God; not merely ponder but prove Him!

### The Program of Power

The Acts of the Apostles is the mighty, moving story of a handful of men and women who proved (Continued on Page 4).



Rev. Vance Havner

## With The Evangelists

By the Editor

Pray for the evangelists! Remember that four out of five of the born-again Christians in the churches in America claim to have been won to Christ through revival campaigns, most of them campaigns led by evangelists. Rejoice over souls saved in these campaigns and pray for the evangelists.

### Dr. Jesse M. Hendley in Rome, Georgia

Rev. W. Wilbert Welch, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Rome, Georgia, has written us about a union tent campaign held in his city by Dr. Jesse M. Hendley, with 485 public professions of faith in Christ, 130 claiming Christ in one night. We know you will rejoice with us in this letter.

September 18, 1947

Dear Dr. Rice:  
Knowing your interest in the cause of evangelism, I know you will be glad to hear of the great revival God gave us here in Rome, Georgia, August 10-31. According to the testimony, both of cooperating pastors and laymen, it was the greatest revival

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## PRAISE THE LORD!

God's Financial Blessing on Sword of the Lord Foundation

By the Editor

"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in him. O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing."—Psalm 34:1-10.

It is time for us here at The Sword of the Lord office to praise the Lord openly, publicly, for His wonderful help financially on The Sword of the Lord Foundation. We

have borne such a burden the last year or more that we could not tell the details of our financial needs to any but the closest friends. Now God has so wonderfully helped us that our hearts are running over with praise and we want to tell the goodness of the Lord.

### I. Our Recent Financial Distress

Coming out of the war, Sword of the Lord Publishers had large stocks of books, a wonderful subscription list of nearly 50,000 paid subscribers, but was deeply in debt. When The Sword of the Lord Foundation was incorporated under the laws of Illinois January 1 of this year, I turned over to this non-profit corporation assets of \$138,000, counting our stock at actual cost. But there were liabilities of many thousands of dollars on our building, addressing machinery and particularly on our large stock of books.

Think what it means to print 20,000 copies of the book, HOME: COURTSHIP, MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN, retail value at \$50,000, at one time; 10,000 copies of Sword Book of Treasures, retail value \$25,000; 20,000 copies PRAYER—ASKING and RECEIVING, retail value \$40,000; 10,000 copies of

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## The Great Task

By EVANGELIST HYMAN J. APPELMAN, D.D.

(Sermon preached at Bethany Reformed Church, Chicago, May 16, 1947, at session of American Association for Jewish Evangelism Conference. Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples. The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease . . . These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not; But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give."—Matt. 9:35-38; Matt. 10:1, 5-8.

"Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained."—John 20:19-23.

It is utterly impossible to get the full implication of Matthew 9:35 through the tenth chapter of Matthew without putting in this passage in John; and it is utterly impossible to get the full import of this passage in John without understanding what was in the heart of Jesus Christ back yonder. I remember of some years ago hearing a man preach a sermon on compassion, and he announced his subject on this wise: The Word That Brought Jesus From Heaven. And he was right, wasn't he? That is the word that brought

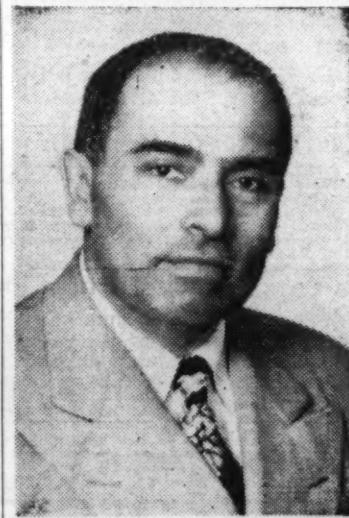
Jesus from Heaven—compassion for your soul and for my soul.

If you want a title for this message tonight, suppose we call it "The Great Task." I have said this before, and I say it again unqualifiedly; it is my firm conviction, as deep-seated as my religion, that there is no difference between the soul of a Jew and the soul of a Gentile. Some people even in this day would have us believe that the gospel is supposed to be preached to the Jews first. But I do not believe that. The gospel is to be preached to every creature under God's shining Heaven, regardless of race or creed or climate or circumstance or condition. But I will say this: it is just as important, it is just as definitely our responsibility to preach the gospel to the Jews as it is to preach the gospel to the Gentiles. Will you agree with me that far—that we

are just as accountable to God for the souls of Jews as we are for the souls of Gentiles?

Now the basic problem, the fundamental problem; the first question, the uppermost question that comes in our minds is how are we going to do it? How are we going to reach the Jews for Christ? How are we going to reach the Gentiles for Christ? Just to say to go and preach the gospel to them, go and make disciples, is not enough. There must be something, there must be some way, there must be some instruction, there must be some plan, some program that is set out in the Holy Word of God which, if we will follow, will bring inevitable and eventual success, victory and fruitfulness.

The father of modern missions is William Carey, an Englishman. When William Carey was being sent out on his mission to India, a great preacher by the name of Robert Hall preached the sermon. I would give a hundred dollars for it right now, and I guarantee you I can hardly spare it. But I do not have it and I do not know where I can get it. I do not know whether it has ever (Continued on Page 2)



Dr. Hyman J. Appelman

## Do Not Fret: Wait On The Lord

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

(Message to workers of Sword of the Lord Publishers, October 17, 1946. Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

"Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."—Psa. 37:1-4.

### Do Not Fret

1. Do Not Fret About the Wicked: They Shall Be Cut Down

The Bible takes it for granted that Christians will sometimes have to deal with evil men and that sometimes they will be our enemies. The modernists and the Federal Council of Churches hate the Old Testament. Someone reported the other day that E. Stanley Jones said to a group of pastors that the God of the Old Testament who had the wicked Amalekites killed "is not my God; that is my devil." And Bishop Oxnam

of the Methodist church, in a Federal Council of Churches meeting at St. Louis, called the God of the Old Testament "a dirty bully." I know that is the way some people talk, but the Bible has a clear teaching that there are wicked people in the world and that often Christian people who do right will be fretted by them unless they look to the Lord for mercy. All of us will sometimes have to deal with wicked people. What are we to do? The Scripture says, "Fret (Continued on Page 5)

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been written up, but thank God and praise God I have the outline of the sermon. It is the clearest, most compact, most informative, most instructive, most exact program for what we face and for what we must do to reach the lost, Jews and Gentiles, that I have ever discovered, that I have ever read, or seen, or heard from the lips of a mortal man. It is so good that indubitably, as far as I am concerned, it is inspired of God.

### The Goal We Must Keep in View

First of all, there is the goal that we must keep in view. The first part of that goal is the multitudes; multitudes as sheep without a shepherd, fainting, wounded, distressed by Satan and by sin; multitudes in the valley of darkness and indecision; multitudes on the mountaintop of bleak bitterness, unbelief, disregard and disobedience—souls by the multitudinous millions on the road to a Devil's Hell. I am sorely afraid, my beloved friends, that our belief in Hell is a mind belief and not a heart belief. We subscribe to it with our minds; the Bible says so, we believe the Bible is the Word of God, we do not doubt it, so we say glibly with our lips that these multitudes without Christ are on the road to a Devil's Hell. But when that conviction, when that belief, when that concern, when that certainty when that confession reaches our hearts, there is an explosion and something happens to us. We are changed. We are turned inside out. We can no longer be satisfied with our own religion, with our own safety and salvation; we must pass it on to others. Now the same multitudes that the Lord Jesus Christ sought, you and I seek. With all of our civilization, with all of our culture, with all of our achievements and advancements, with all of our education and sanitation and reformation and confirmation, still the vast majority of Jews and Gentiles are candidates for a Devil's Hell.

The second part of that goal is the Master, the Lord Jesus

Christ, the Master bearing our sins and the sins of an entire world in His own precious body on Calvary's cross, the Master bleeding out His life for the redemption of mankind, the Master lifted up high between earth and Heaven to prove, as it were, a magnet in the hands of the Holy Spirit and of the children of God to draw sinners out of darkness into light, the Master as the Saviour, the only Saviour, the alone Saviour, the Saviour without whom there is no hope either for God or for man.

But there is one more thing we must see in this Master, and that is His right, His absolute, unqualified right to every minute of our time, to every penny of our money, to everything we are and have to carry on and out this task that He put upon us when He said to us, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." The vast majority of church members, ninety-nine and ninety-nine one-hundredths per cent of our church members, and even those who are unsaved, will be only too glib in their admission that Jesus Christ died for their sins and the fact that He can save them from sin. But as far as the sovereign claims, the sovereign rights are concerned—oh, that is a different story! So few, so very few, so heart-rendingly, heart-breakingly few of our church members are willing to face the second part of the implication in their Master, and that is that because He is the Saviour, because He purchased their salvation, He has a right to expect that they in turn carry on the mission that he left unfinished here.

Then the third part of the goal is not only the multitudes, not only the Master, but the message. We dare not, we cannot, we must not give ourselves to doing anything else in Christian activity except the telling of the story of Christ and Him crucified. There are other people who can educate the multitudes. You can find the latest news in any newspaper in Chicago. Any magazine can tell you more about child delinquency and current events and temperance in one issue than a hundred preachers can tell in an entire year of preaching. But the gospel of salvation—nobody in the world is telling that except we who are the children of God. We must not improve on it. We must not emasculate it. I tell you, my beloved friends, by experience that the same gospel that Paul preached in the long ago is the gospel that God honors and blesses in this day and time and that brings fruit to the glory of God.

But again give me permission to call your attention to this thing: it is not enough to be fundamental, it is not enough to be premillennial; it is not enough to believe in the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, it is not enough to believe in the inspiration of God's Holy Word. It is not enough—did you hear me? it is not enough to preach the gospel. We must preach it in the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost. There is enough gospel preached in the pulpit of this church to win the world for Christ, and I will let you judge how many souls are being saved under the sound of that gospel. There is enough gospel preached in Chicago—every Sunday morning to win a million worlds for Christ, and yet Chicago is going to Hell as fast as the Devil can take it there. There is something lacking, my friends, and that is the presence and power of God's Holy Spirit. I say to you as earnestly as the beat of my voice on your hearts that the reason that our multitudinous and multifarious activities and money-raising and money-spending and visiting and revivals and radio work and all the rest of it is bearing such a paucity of results is because there is not enough of the Holy Spirit in it. We are not giving the Third Person of the blessed Trinity a chance to em-

power and invigorate the message.

But let us hasten on.

### The Directions We Must Follow

Not only is there in this task the object that we must hold in view, but there are also the directions that we must follow. Hear me, my friends; I do not know how many revivals I conduct a year. I do not know how many revivals I have conducted in the seventeen years that I have been preaching. Unfortunately I have not kept account of them. But for long months it has been my habit at the beginning of every revival to read through the book of Acts at least once and often many times during the revival. The blueprint, the best book of directions, the best revival scheme and plan is found in the book of Acts. I do not know how many books I have in my library at home; conservatively, five thousand—more books than I have furniture, more books than I have clothes, more books than I have anything else. I spend more money for books than I do for any other single thing in my own personal life, and maybe a combination of things. I do not know how many books I have on evangelism. Four hundred would be very conservative. I have at least two hundred different books on evangelism and revivals. How many biographies of evangelists do I have? The Lord in Heaven alone knows. I have at least a dozen different books about D. L. Moody alone. I have at least ten or twelve different books about John Wesley and George Whitefield and Jonathan Edwards and Christmas Evans and Richard Baxter and Gypsy Smith and Billy Sunday. Yet I say to you that the best revival preaching in the world is in the book of Acts. There is just one place where we can truly find the direction that we must follow, and that is in the book of Acts.

What did the disciples do to turn a world upside down? What did Peter do? What did James and John and Paul and the rest of them do back yonder to win such mighty victories? Well, my dear friends, I believe they did these clear, definite, exact required things. First of all, every last one of them had a personal vision and experience of the Lord Jesus Christ. They did not just have an experience that was twenty years old, but they had a day-by-day and day-after-day experience. You remember how many times the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Paul. Now if you have thought that was accidental, you are wrong. There are two reasons for that: first, Paul needed the appearances of Jesus Christ. The world was against him. His own fellow Christians did him lots of trouble. His people were against him. He was all the time getting in tight places, and the Devil surely would have made him to doubt his calling unless he had had a vision of the Lord Jesus Christ renewed again and afresh.

The second reason I believe in my soul the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Paul again and again was to teach us that we cannot, that we must not, that we dare not be satisfied with the experience that we had back yonder. It gets old and stale and thin and pale. We must constantly experience the presence and power of the Lord Jesus Christ. We must constantly have renewed within us the joy and the assurance of our salvation.

Out yonder in the Moody Bible Institute in the radio office is a lady whom I have known for a number of years. I was up there yesterday. I was up there today. And I am going to be up there tomorrow. The first thing she told me yesterday was that she had a granddaughter. The first thing she told me today, for about twenty minutes was about

her granddaughter. And the first thing she will tell me tomorrow, if I will let her, will be another twenty minutes about her granddaughter, because she is having a constant experience with her. She is full of her granddaughter. God grant us the same experience with Jesus so that every day we will have something new and fresh and sweet to tell about Him. That is the only way—you get tired of telling about experiences that happened to D. L. Moody back yonder and to Billy Sunday and Gypsy Smith. You will get tired of telling experiences that happened to you in the long ago, but oh if Jesus is fresh and sweet on your soul, if you drop down to your knees in the morning and see some new attraction about Him, you just cannot wait until you buttonhole somebody and ask them, "Have you seen this in the Lord Jesus Christ?" or say to them, "Have you ever had this experience with the matchless Son of God?" This is the first direction we must follow: by day and by night, at home and abroad we must seek to live in the conscious presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, or it is not well with us.

Second, they prayed—and I mean they prayed. It did not make a particle of difference where they were, they prayed. They prayed in the upper room. They prayed on the streets. They prayed in the temple. They prayed in jail. They did not complain, they did not criticize, they were not always talking about juvenile delinquency, they were not always talking about adultery of movie stars, they were not always talking about the New Deal and things like that. They were praying and crying to God for power and conviction and strength and boldness and grace. I am sorely afraid that with all the mighty books that have been written on prayer, with all the libraries of books that have been printed on prayer, with all the concourses and conclaves and conferences that have been called together on prayer, real prayer, Heaven-shaking prayer, earth-revolutionizing prayer, sinner-convicting and converting prayer is an unknown quantity and an unknown equation in our churches. What kind of prayer meeting do you have in your church? Is it not just a short of squibby edition of what you have on Sunday morning and a mighty squibby one at that, because most of the time neither preacher nor singer nor anybody else has prepared any sort of a program for the Wednesday night? Anything that comes along is good enough. I say to you that the most important service of the week is the Wednesday night or Thursday night prayer meeting, as the case may be. As goes your prayer meeting—not your preaching, not your choir—

as goes your prayer meeting, so goes the victory or the defeat of the church. They knew that back yonder. They knew from whence their strength came. They knew what they had to depend upon, so they prayed.

And then, my friends, they preached. That is the third thing. Now it all depends on what you mean by preaching. If you mean by preaching a man standing up in the pulpit and just by opening his mouth and letting the words roll out, Harry Emerson Fosdick is the best preacher in America, and Monsignor Sheen is next best to him. But if you mean witnessing for the Lord Jesus Christ, then that is a different story. Beloved, I am sorely afraid we have Catholicized our preaching. We have put our preachers in a separate category from what we have put our church members in. But, brother, sister, it is just as much your duty to preach the gospel as it is mine. And this is a good time to say, "Amen," because you know it is so. We talk about women preachers and we tear our passion to tatters arguing about whether women ought to preach or not to preach—as if we could stop them from preaching! They are preaching all the time—generally the wrong thing. But, women, you are called to preach; not in the pulpit, not as pastor or evangelist, but to individuals. Every child of God is an appointed and an anointed and an ordained preacher, a sent-forth and established preacher of the gospel. But, hear me: if you preach Christ, you are not going to always have an easy time of it. You are going to get in trouble. But that is not your business; you must preach. If you are going to preach the gospel, not everybody will love you. Some people are going to criticize you and dislike you and maybe even hate you. But that is none of your business. Your business is to preach the gospel. If it lands you in jail, keep on preaching. If it lands you in a palace, keep on preaching.

There was old Stephen—he was preaching Christ and Him crucified. They put him in a pit and stoned him to death. There was old Philip, a saved deacon, preaching and they gave him fried chicken in Samaria. It did not make a particle of difference. They preached, whatever happened. They did not care; that was not their business. Their responsibility was to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. It is the same with us. We are not to look to the right hand or left. We are not to consider what people are going to say about us or not going to say about us. If they want to call us fools, let them call us fools. If they want to call us fanatics, let them call us fanatics. If they want to get mad at us, let them get mad at us. If they want to get glad at us, let them get glad at us. That is not our responsibility. Our responsibility is to preach. These men had constant experiences with Christ. They persisted in prayer and they kept on preaching in every condition, in every circumstance, in every venture and adventure of their lives. They sowed the seed of God's Word and God brought forth the increase.

### The Persecution We All Face

Now the third thing is the persecution we all face. There is no escape from that. The Lord Jesus Christ said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Hear me now! If you are not in any trouble because you are a Christian; if nobody bothers you, no-

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body worries you, nobody hates you, nobody criticizes you; if you never shed a tear, you never have any heartbreak, one of two things is true: either you are not a Christian, or you are not much of a Christian. You can take your choice. The closer you live to the Lord Jesus Christ, the more heartaches you are going to have, the more trouble you are going to have. One of the signed manuals of your consecration is that the world will be constantly against you and try to drag you down.

First of all there is the persecution of Satan. He will never let you alone. The more you try to do for God, the more Satan will oppose you. If he cannot ruin your soul in the torments of a Devil's Hell, he will try to wreck your life, your influence, your service. You know, I never did understand, I never did realize as much of the Devil before I became a Christian as I did after. And I know when God is trying to get me ready for some big job, some big revival, some unusual victory, some tremendous work; I know when God is fixing to do something big with me because the Devil is after me harder than ever. And he will keep after you, too, with his satanic suggestions. He will attack you physically. He will attack you mentally. He will attack you spiritually. There is nothing sacred to him. But remember, forewarned is forearmed.

Then there is the persecution of self, the persecution of our own questionings, of our own doubts, of our own hesitations. We go on and on and on and do the best we can and seemingly see no results, seemingly fail. All about us is coldness and indifference and unconcern, and self gets in the way. Sometimes it is ambition that trips us. Sometimes we want honor and recognition and prestige and refuse to work unless we are chucked under the chin and patted on the back and given a place at the right hand and at the left hand of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Then the hardest of all for me to bear is the persecution on the part of God's saints. You know Paul had much more trouble with his fellow Christians than he had with anybody else. Hear me again, my dear friends: I hope I die before I get into serious trouble. I have been in it, before and since I have been a Christian. I have confessed my sins. I have wept my soul out. I have prayed until I wanted God to kill me because of miserable things I have done in my life. But hear me, if I ever fall into serious trouble, God have mercy on me, a sinner. And God have mercy on the rest of us. I tell you, I would rather fall into the hands of a bunch of gangsters than a bunch of Christians. They will tear you to pieces. They will kick you in the face. Instead of backing you like a stone wall, instead of helping you bear your burden, instead of lifting you up and speaking to you and encouraging you and praying for you, they will try to destroy you, they will try to drag you down. How many of you understand what I am talking about? Will you raise your hands? Is it the way in your church that it is in my church? The people who ought to be right there by our sides, working with us, toiling with us, struggling with us, are the ones who stand in our way and criticize us and ridicule us, the ones who knock and complain. Instead of heeding the gospel admonition to come to us and face us out with it and give us a chance to repent that they might forgive us, they talk about us and magnify the thing until it becomes a stench in the nostrils of God Almighty. You have a program, you have an ambition. God has put a burden on your heart. You try, you struggle, you carry on, you and tell about what He means to you.

Then what shall I say about the rewards in the lives of others.

tains, just stand impassively and impassively in your way. But remember I have warned you that you are going to have those persecutions.

Then there is the persecution—or can I call it persecution?—that comes from the cold hearts of the sinners around about us. Who among us in this auditorium, in this crowd, who has ever tried to do personal work has not again and again wanted to throw up his and her hands and say, "Well, if you want to go to Hell, go ahead! See if I care!" You go to them and plead. You visit them. You invite them. You urge them. You weep over them. You sacrifice of your money and your time and your talents and they act as if you want to take something from them instead of wanting to give something to them. And the old Devil just keeps on marching by your side saying, "These Jews don't want to be saved. They are too hard. These Gentiles don't care a thing about Christ. You are saved; why should you waste your time?" But, beloved Jesus Christ went to them. Jesus Christ kept on going after them. Jesus Christ got under the burden of their sins.

When I was pastor of a church in Vickery, Texas, there was a man there working for the highway department. He was not a Christian. Time and time again I would go to him at midnight when he would knock off from work and eat his lunch, to talk to him about Christ. Oh, how hard he was! Oh, how stubborn he was! How many promises he broke! How many tears he caused me to shed! One day one of the teachers stopped me and said, "Brother Appelman, I cannot understand you at all. You have so much patience with that fellow. You have asked him a thousand times and he has turned you down and laughed at you. If I were in your place the next time I asked him to come to church and he said no, I would say, 'If you want to go to Hell, go ahead; I will never talk to you again'."

I looked at her and studied for a minute, then I said, "Sister, I will tell you what makes me go. When Jesus Christ gets tired of forgiving me, then I will get tired of forgiving him. When Jesus Christ loses patience with me, I will lose patience with him." How many times has Jesus Christ had to forgive you today? Today! Since you got up this morning! How many sins have you committed today? How many sins have I committed today? How many times have we broken the heart of Jesus today? Well, when Jesus gets tired of forgiving us, then it will be time enough for us to get tired of forgiving each other.

But you will face these persecutions.

**The Rewards We May Expect**

I have told you about the goal you must keep in view. I have told you about the directions you must follow. I have told you about the persecutions you must face. Now I am talking to you a minute about the rewards you may expect.

First of all, there are personal rewards, rewards for ourselves in the increased assurance of our salvation, in the satisfaction that comes to us of knowing that we have done God's will, in the fact that our hands are clean of the blood of anybody. Some of you in this auditorium this night are not doing well by Jesus and not doing well by the souls of men. Even my poor, stammering words are creating an echo in your heart because you have not gone the limit for the Lord Jesus Christ and the souls of men. Beloved, it is utterly impossible for there to be any satisfaction in the heart of a child of God who is living a backslidden, disobedient, prayerless, witnessless life. If you want the joy of your salvation, go and preach the gospel. If you want the assurance of your salvation, go and witness about Christ. If you want the joy of the Lord to surge up in your soul, go and tell about what He means to you.

Then what shall I say about the rewards in the lives of others.

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"You've prayed many times for your boys and girls to be soul winners I know, and I want to thank you for those prayers. I praise God for all my college friends who prayed for my Dad, especially the ones in my prayer group who are my closest companions now.

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BOB JONES,  
Bob Jones University  
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brother brought to me those poor people, in their late fifties or early sixties, pale and wan from their terrible experience in Europe.

They said something Jewish to me and then a little in English and a little in German. We stood facing each other. They turned away from me, thanking me for helping them to Christ. Something struck me. I reached out and pulled the man away from his wife. I said, "Brother, how are you financially?" That word financially was a big word for him. I do not believe he understood it. He looked at me blankly. I said, "I'm not trying to be smart or rude, but do you have any money?" He bowed his head a little and then looked back. His eyes got heavy with tears and his lips began to quiver. He would not answer. He was too proud. I let them go. I stepped back away from the crowd, reached into my pocketbook and pulled out a \$20 bill. There was an envelope in my pocket with a letter in it. I pulled the letter out quickly, scratched out the name on the envelope and put the \$20 bill in it, walked past that man and stuck it in his coat pocket. I do not believe he felt it.

The next night when the service was over they were right there at the front. The lady shook hands with me and beamed up at me in her smile, thanking me again for preaching. Then the man started shaking hands with me and bowed his head and kissed my hand. I thought I would die! Twenty dollars! What is twenty dollars? Why, before I became a Christian I spent more than that for one supper here in Chicago. Why, I have spent three and four and five times that much on one night of pleasure. I mean dancing and things like that. I never did drink. But oh the heartache that was mine when I recognized the man's need! It was not so much the \$20. I knew that, and he knew I knew it. He was not kissing my hand because I gave him the \$20; he was kissing my hand because I gave him a lift, because I said, "I love you. You are not alone. There are lots of folks who are for you. We are not going to see you go down. We are going to pray for you. We are going to tell Jesus about you. We are going to help you as much as we can."

Last November out yonder in Seattle, Washington, they called me into the inquiry room, and there was a young woman—black, with a snubbed nose, and blue eyes, kneeling in prayer. They said, "She is Jewish."

I said, "No, not with that color (Continued on Page 4)

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## The Great Task

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hair, not with that kind of nose, not with that kind of eyes."

They said, "Yes, she is Jewish, and we cannot deal with her. We don't know how. She doesn't talk English." I dropped down on my knees by her side. The lady talking with her got through and motioned for me to take over.

I said, "What's your name?" She told me.

"Where are you from?"

She said, "I live here."

I said, "Yes, but were you born here?"

"No, I was born in Austria."

"How long have you been in America?"

"Since 1937."

I said, "A refugee?"

She said, "Yes."

"Where is your husband?"

"He is in the Argentine. He can't get in because of the quota—you understand, because of the quota."

I said, "Do you have any children?"

"A little girl," she answered.

"How old?"

"Seven."

I said, "What do you know about Jesus?"

"Not much," she said, "but I sure want to know Him."

I said, "What do you believe about Jesus?"

She said, "I don't know, but I sure want to believe in Him like you do."

That was all I needed and I told her that simple story of Christ and Him crucified. And right there on that platform of that City Auditorium in Seattle, Washington, with a few people standing around, that precious, fair-haired Jewish girl gave her heart to the Lord Jesus Christ and was gloriously converted.

Well, I had to leave at the end of that week. About two or three weeks after I got a letter from her, a long, big letter covering about four or five pages closely written, rather nice script, almost German in style. She said in that letter, "You know you told me that if I accepted Christ I would feel different. And I sure do. The mornings and nights are different. It seems that the air and the sun and the people are different." Then I bowed my head in that letter and stained it with my tears as I thanked God for keeping testimony with a precious Jewish soul. Thank God they can be reached—and the joy of reaching them!

Oh, my friends, win one soul for Christ. That is all! You will never be the same after that. You will be hungry and thirsty. You will never have any peace or satisfaction until you keep on constantly going after them.

And then what shall I say about the reward that is waiting for us up yonder in Heaven? You know, they tell me that there are streets of gold in Heaven. I am not interested in streets. I am not interested in gold. Jesus is there; that is what I am interested in.

They tell me there is a tree of life up yonder in Heaven. I am not interested even in the tree of life. I want to see Jesus. They say there is a river of life up yonder in Heaven. I guess there is—the Bible says so. I do not care a thing about rivers. I want to see Jesus. I want to see Jesus! I want to see what He looks like. And if Jesus stretches out His hands to me and says, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," it will be ten times more Heaven than any other way. And it is the reward in Heaven. We are going there! Did you know that? Some of you folks act as if you expect to live forever. You are not going to! You are going to die. Or if Jesus comes first you are going with Him. You are not going to stay in Chicago, pretty as it is. If you are a Christian, you are going to be in the New Jerusalem at the end of the journey. You are not going to have to satisfy husband and wife, son and daughter, friend and sweetheart, and boss. No! There will be just one that you will have to satisfy—Jesus, the Christ of God. There is just one way to satisfy Him and that is by going

afiel and carrying out His commission as He says to us: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21).

Now what have I said to you? The sum and substance of it all is this:

Out yonder in Texas we have a cowboy encampment, the original cowboy encampment in the world. There are many others now, but this is the original. The cowmen and cow ranchers cowboys come from all over that West Texas territory, drive in herds of cattle, barbecue them and eat them, an ox at a time, a beef at a time. Some people pay and others do not pay. If you have the money, you pay; if you do not have the money, you do not pay. About the fifth or sixth year after the encampment started, great Dr. Truett used to go there almost every year. Souls were converted. One morning he went to the morning service. A cowmen in his late sixties, maybe in his seventies, short, bow-legged, gray-haired, wrinkle-faced, tanned like leather, came up to him, rocking along on his booted heels. He said, "Dr. Truett, will you go home with me for dinner today? The committee says it is all right."

Truett said, "Sure; I'll be glad to."

They got into the man's buckboard (it was before they had very many automobiles out there) and drove away from that tabernacle. They drove mile after mile, jogging along. Then they came to a gate. The man jumped off to open the gate, Dr. Truett drove the team through, the man climbed up again, and they drove up a little steep, grassy knoll. The man reined in the horses and stopped, tied them up so they could range around in the woods. He said, "Dr. Truett, will you please come down?"

Dr. Truett came down and the man said, "Dr. Truett, you see that stand of timber away over there?" Truett looked and he could just barely see it. He said, "Yes."

"Well," said the man, "in the middle of that timber there is a creek, and I own all the land up to that creek." Then he turned and pointed and said, "Do you see that stake fence out yonder?" Truett dimmed his eyes against the glare of the sun and looked, but he could not see it. He said, "I don't see it."

The stockman said, "I thought you wouldn't. Your eyes are not trained to see that far; it is about two miles away from here. All that land is mine."

He turned again and said, "Do you see where the road starts over there, the road up which we came, maybe a half a mile away, maybe further?"

"Yes."

"Well, my land goes all the way there—tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands of acres," He said. "Do you see that ranch house down there in the valley?"

"Yes."

"Well, it has every modern improvement; I own all of it. There is not a penny of mortgage on it. And all this cattle and all these horses and all these sheep—every thing you see is mine."

Dr. Truett said, "Why are you telling me that?"

The cowman said, "Brother Truett, I want you to get down on your knees with me and give it all to God, and I mean give it all to God. Just give it to God; I want to give it to God. It belongs to God; I want to give it to Him."

Truett dropped on his knees. The old cowman dropped to his knees. Truett lifted his mighty voice to God and said, "Lord, here is our brother. You have blessed him. You have enriched him. I do not know how many millions of dollars he is worth. I do not know how many tens of thousands of head of cattle he has. I do not know how many hundreds of thousands of acres of land he has. But right here he is giving it all to You. He wants You to use it. If You want to take it away from him, You are welcome. If You want him to give it to some school or something else, he is willing to do it. Lord, it is Yours. Please take it and bless it and use it,

for Jesus' sake. Amen." And he started to get up.

The old cowman put his hand on Truett's shoulder and said, "Wait a minute, Brother Truett." And Truett kept on kneeling. The cowman bent his head. He almost touched the ground. Dr. Truett saw he was crying. He just waited. After a while the cowman, his voice choked with emotion, said, "Brother Truett, I have a forty-three-year-old boy. He is wild. He is wayward. He is wicked. He is not a Christian. Brother Truett, I have given everything I have to God; will you ask God to give me my boy for Jesus? Will you ask God to save my boy?"

And Truett lifted his heart and his voice and his hands to God and said, "Lord, we are not entitled to any consideration at Thy hands, but this is different. Here is a man who has earned honestly everything he has. Now he has given it all to You. He is asking You for one favor. Please save his boy. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen."

They got up from their knees, got back in the buckboard, went home, had dinner, and then went about their duties. Truett preached that night. Toward the end of the service he noticed a man, rather dishevelled and unkept, come in, sort of slink in. He slumped down on the back seat. When the service was over he walked out without speaking to anybody. The next night the same man came in. The next night the same man came in again and sat down, draping, on the last bench.

On the fourth night Truett preached on the prodigal son as only he could preach. He got to where the boy said, "I will arise and go to my father." He got that boy lifting up his leg over the fence of that pigsty. In that great crowd that man rose from the back seat and said, "Wait, preacher; I can't take any more."

I can't take any more! And he started down the aisle." He stopped by that cowman and his wife sitting by his side. He bent over them from the back and put his arms around them and lifted them to their feet and started saying, "Daddy, Mama, I can't take any more! I want to be a Christian! Will you help me?"

You can imagine what happened in that congregation. You can imagine what happened in Heaven when that prodigal came home.

Hear me beloved. It is possible to reach men and women for Christ. You heard what Brother Machlin told you about me. I got a phone call last night—I'm not playing on your sympathy. At eleven o'clock last night my wife called me. She said, "I've been to the doctor today and I need an operation. When can you come home? You must come—I'm sorry, but somebody must be here with the children." Oh, the burden that that girl has borne for now more than sixteen years. I do not have acres. I do not have any cattle. I do not have any ranches. But I have my wife, and I have turned her over to Jesus, the best I know how. God has given me some new victories, and I know why it is. It is because He knows my heart. He knows I mean business.

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and have on the altar for God.

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Now how many of you here tonight for love of the Lord Jesus Christ, for concern for lost souls are willing to say, "Lord Jesus, if You will help me, if You will empower me, I want to be a soul winner, I want to do my best to win men and women, boys and girls for Christ." Will you raise your hands? Raise them as high as you can reach toward God and Heaven. (Many again raise their hands.)

## Demonstrating God

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God's strength to their generation and His power to every one who was to come. At the very outset, the risen Saviour outlined the program of God's power. The apostles asked first, "Wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" He began His reply, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power." Some have taken this to mean that their question was unimportant and that Christ will never restore the kingdom to Israel. But He did not say that. There is abundant evidence elsewhere in the Scriptures that He will restore it and the stage is being set today, we believe, for that final chapter in God's dealings with His chosen people. What Jesus meant was, "The supreme issue now is the coming of the Holy Spirit and your witnessing in His power." The restoration of the kingdom is important but God will take care of that in His time. The power of God in our lives and our testimony to Christ is the first concern. Some saints are greatly exercised over prophecy but pay little attention to immediate duty. They enjoy lectures on God's program for Israel but are awfully indifferent to His program for themselves.

### The Purpose of Power

#### Witnessing

After the promise of power, our Lord goes on: "And ye shall be witnesses unto me." We are His witnesses, not His lawyers. And

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## With The Evangelists

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the Spirit of God ever gave to this city.

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we are witnesses unto Him, not to an experience nor to the Spirit. The Spirit testifies of Christ. Dr. F. B. Meyer used to warn against making the Holy Spirit the figure-head in any movement. Christ must be central. He is central even in the passage where He invites us to drink of the Spirit. "Let him come unto ME . . . he that believeth on Me . . . this spake HE of the Spirit which they that believe on HIM should receive." And then we are told that the Spirit was not yet given because Jesus was not yet glorified. There the reference is historical but it is also true in experience that the Spirit is not given until we are ready to glorify Christ.

We are witnesses unto Him and also to the truths, the doctrines, about Him. "Ye are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:48). You cannot divorce the Who from the Whats. "I am the resurrection and the life." There you have the Who and the Whats. But all the doctrines center in a Person. Philip said to Nathanael, "We have

found HIM." That is witnessing. The issue is Jesus Christ.

Consider, finally, the range of this testimony: "In Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Usually we are either near-sighted or far-sighted. Some see the local church with no vision of fields afar; others give to foreign missions and never witness in their home towns. We are to witness both across the street and across the sea. We are all missionaries and there is no limit to the range of our witness. It was a sad day for the church when missionaries became people who went to Africa or China and came back with pictures to entertain a gathering of comfortable church members. Every Christian is a witness in person, by prayer and provision, and in one way or another we can project ourselves to the farthest corner of the earth. Missions never was meant to be a side-liner, a mere subdivision in a denominational program.

Here is the purpose of God's power: "Ye shall receive power . . . ye shall be witnesses." The purpose of the Divine endowment is not that we may boast of a strange experience or an emotional thrill; not that we may be big preachers or even happy Christians, but that we may witness to Christ to the ends of the earth. If it does not make you long for a thousand tongues to sing your great Redeemer's praise, the glories of your Lord and King, the triumphs of His grace, I question the validity of your experience.

The world is witnessing demonstrations of atomic power: it needs a demonstration of apostolic power. God is waiting to shew Himself strong. May He

raise up somebody somewhere who will make it his business to show this world what God can do as Whitefield and Moody and Evan Roberts did in another day. Nor is this demonstration limited to the dramatic and sensational. Peter and John were not the only ones at Pentecost. Every one of the hundred and twenty proved God that day as the Spirit enabled. I do not know whether atomic power will ever be ap-

plied to shop and kitchen but apostolic power works there as well as in the pulpit. We need more home and shop and office demonstrations of it!

While scientists give their lives to prove what atomic power can do, who will give himself to prove God? May we all in our own spheres according to the measure of our ability under God demonstrate Him in our day and serve our generation by the will of God.

## Do Not Fret:

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not thyself because of evil doers." Don't fret, because they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green grass. A Christian can thank God that one of these days the wicked shall be cut down.

A much more delicate question is that of the wrongs done by Christians. People are sometimes shocked to find that a Christian could ever do wrong, that there could ever be any differences of opinion among Christians. Remember that Paul says, "Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works" (II Tim. 4:14).

In another place he says, "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world" (II Tim. 4:10). So good Christian people, people who are truly converted, are not always going to be right. And if you go on and do right for God, if you go to the lengths you ought to go to be filled with the Spirit of God, to win souls, and to put God first, there are going to be people who will oppose you. A Christian is not to fret about such cases. Instead of fretting, what are we to do?

In the first place, we are to pray. In the second place, we are to trust the Lord. "Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb." We do not want Christians cut down, but we want evil cut down.

2. *Don't Fret About Provision: God Will Provide*

"Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed."

The Bible is good in any circumstances. There will never come a time when you cannot trust in the Lord and do right and have plenty to eat and have a good time. Sometimes Christians fret about the future. They say, "What about the future and how will things go?" For the Christian who trusts the Lord and does right, it is going to be fine. If communism takes America, the Christian who trusts the Lord and does right is going to be all right. You may be beaten once in a while, you may get in jail sometimes, but there is not going to be anything bad for a Christian who trusts the Lord and does good.

He is going to have plenty to eat; he is going to have peace in his heart; he will have a chance to win souls. So let us just trust the Lord and do good. "So shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed."

3. *Do Not Fret About Happiness: Trust and Have the Desires of Your Heart*

"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." You see the progress here in these three passages is; first, don't fret because of evildoers. Wait patiently; they shall soon be cut down. Then the second is more aggressive: trust in the Lord and do good, and you will be fed. That is one step higher. First, quit fretting about others. Second, the way to have all you need is just to trust in the Lord. Third,

"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

"Fret not thyself because of evildoers." It looks as if they are going to have victory, but wait, just wait on God; they are not going to win out. And the second part is that you can have food.

That is a necessity. "Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." That is a necessity, isn't it? The next is a luxury: "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." You can have potatoes, bread and a little hamburger meat for verse 3. In verse 4 you can have pineapple upside-down cake, and strawberries and cream—the desires of your heart! Isn't that right?

It is good to delight in the Lord. Do you really enjoy the Lord? All of us have burdens. In my case I am away from my loved ones most of the time—what will I do? Well, I should delight in the Lord. If I do, He will give me the desires of my heart. You have your burden, too. Maybe if you wait on the Lord you will learn to like some things better and some things less. If there is anything wrong, anything you cannot enjoy, anything that the Lord would be displeased with, He will teach you to be filled with the Spirit of God, to win souls, and to put God first, then will give the things that your heart desires. "Delight thyself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of thine heart."

### Wait on the Lord!

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth: and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace."

That is mighty sweet, isn't it? I think verses 23 to 25 in the same passage are mighty fine:

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

Now verse 28:

"For the Lord loveth judgment and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved forever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off."

Now verse 7 again, "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way."

Again in verse 9, "For evildoers shall be cut off; but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth."

God says again and again in this passage, "Wait on the Lord." Let me briefly mention three or four things that come to those who honestly wait upon God.

### 1. God Will Take Your Part

First of all, if you wait upon the Lord, God will take your part against your enemies. If you are right with God and rest in the Lord, if you wait upon the Lord, He will take your part. God will even go so far, the Scripture says, as to bring out your righteousness like the noonday for everybody to see.

Somebody is going to say, "Well it does not pay to live a separated life. You will not go to the movies. You do not neck; you do

not do this and that and the other, and you will not have any home. You will not have anybody to love you. You will not have the comforts and blessings that other people have." Well, if you are willing to wait on the Lord and trust in the Lord, the time will come when everybody will see that our way was the right way, the happy way. Everybody will see how blessed was that girl or that man because she or he waited on the Lord, trusted in the Lord.

In connection with this matter I was thinking yesterday how it was with Mrs. Del Fehsenfeld. We knew her as Dorothy Wilson. She was a beautiful girl. She was, I think, three years in succession elected "Miss McComb" of McComb, Mississippi. She was really a Southern beauty. She had beautiful eyes, dark hair and fair skin. She was famous throughout that area for her beauty. She came to Fort Worth. Then she and her mother and others from McComb came to Dallas to our conferences again and again. She had many attractive offers, and men wanted to marry her. But she could never feel sure. As time went on she graduated from college and did work in the seminary. Then she was working as a student secretary in a college town, and in God's own time He sent along the right preacher, Del Fehsenfeld. She was just the girl he had waited for these long years. And she wrote to say, as I remember it, "I waited patiently on the Lord, and He heard my voice." She was so glad that she turned the other men down and waited for God's man. That is only one little incident. But the Lord says, "Wait on the Lord, and everybody will see sooner or later that you will turn out all right."

On this same matter the eighteenth chapter of Luke says, "And he spake a parable unto them to this end that men ought always to pray, and not to faint." Jesus told about a widow and an unjust judge who did not fear God, neither regarded man. And this widow just kept on day and night. She said, "Avenge me of mine adversary." He would not for a time. At last he said, "Though I am not afraid of God and do not care about widows, she is wearing me out." And finally he gave her her desires. And Jesus said, "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?" (Luke 18:7). So cry unto the Lord day and night. God avenges His own elect and takes their part.

### 2. Wait on the Lord and Inherit the Earth

The Scripture says here, "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him."

Verse 9 says, "For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth." That means when Jesus returns, when the kingdom is set up upon the earth. But there is more than that. We can inherit the earth now. For example, take *The Sword of the Lord*. We do not have the circulation we ought to have, but we are slowly gaining, getting the ears of the common people, turning the hearts of the people back to soul winning and revivals. God knows these \$30,000 or so that Mrs. Rice and I have put into the paper and the long hours without any pay — God knows about that. Don't you think that we could say, "Well, in God's time, little by little we will get the ears of the people, of those who love the Lord and believe in such matters and we can grow up a great generation again who believe in revivals and can win souls. We can turn the hearts of the people back to the Bible, back to separated lives, and so on."

Now God has that message, and I think that in some sense that kind of inheritance is meant.

### 3. Wait on the Lord and Renew Your Strength

Then there is another thing. In Isaiah, chapter 40, the Lord says, "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. [God never reaches wit's end corner, God never beats His brains to find out what to do. He does not have to stop and say, "I wonder what

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## Do Not Fret:

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"in the world to do now." The Lord always has a way out.] He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

I have worn myself out with hard work. The doctor last year said, "There is nothing you can do but rest." Well that is all right, but rest alone is not enough. Heart-rest—to rest in the Lord, to wait upon the Lord—is the most important thing. I have decided that I will do anything that is reasonable and right. I have been very careful throughout these years, careful of my body. But I have decided that the thing to do is to take time to read the Bible and pray and wait on God, to rest in the Lord. And I do not believe that God wants to right now, instantly, heal my body, make up for these long years of pouring out of my strength and give me back now my full blood count. I do not think that. I think God could, but I think God is saying, "I want you to learn the happier way. I want you to rest in the Lord every day." And I am going to rest and wait on the Lord.

I am not talking about bodily rest alone. I get enough of that. I am talking about a heart-waiting rest, and meditating on His Word. Then I think God is going to do what He said He would do. Didn't He say here, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength"? He did not say just every other time. So I am going to take it at face value and no one has a right to say that it will not work that way. The Lord did not limit it, so I will not limit it either.

You can have physical strength and spiritual strength or new vision—everything that is needed if you wait upon the Lord. "The youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

About next year's program of revivals, I can have the power of the Lord. When He opens the door, He will give power to go through it. When God gives you a job, He will give you strength to attend to it. Paul said in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," or as Dr. Wells so well interpreted it, "He continues to pour His strength into me." So the way out is to wait on the Lord. I will wait on the Lord and have daily peace and joy. That is what the Scriptures says in Philippians 4:6, 7, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving [now 'with supplication' would be waiting, wouldn't it? Supplication means to keep on begging.] let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

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For example, on March 29 of this year our accounts payable totalled \$58,552.42. Now, praise the Lord, by God's mercy that figure has been cut to \$18,380.76 as of September 22. That means a total reduction in accounts payable of more than \$40,000 in less than six months' time. That reduction was partly through long range financing but mostly through payments of bills from our income.

Since April 30 this year, out of our regular income, we have paid all our running expenses, salaries and overhead and paid off \$27,028.07. Aside from long term loans by which some of our work is financed, we actually paid off over \$27,000 of debts out of our income since April 30, less than five months. That is a net reduction of our liabilities.

By careful management, thrift, and much, much prayer, we are on a fine business basis and now plan to begin aggressive expansion of our work again soon.

The business has been on a sound basis all along. Our credit has remained good, our assets were large. For example, our brick building, 50 feet by 70 feet, three floors, costing us with remodeling only about \$15,000, could not be

replaced for \$40,000. Our stock of readily selling books was large. But we were over-extended on printing bills. Now we feel we must give God the glory for His wonderful answers to prayer. The psalmist said, "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth." Again I can say with Psalms 34:6, "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles." Several of us here at The Sword of the Lord office who have carried the burden of planning and prayer and management and thrift can say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name."

### II. The Cause of Our Financial Distress

THE SWORD OF THE LORD does not belong to me. It does not belong to those of us here at Wheaton. All along we have counted that the work was the Lord's, the paper was the Lord's, the business was the Lord's. But since January 1 it has been legally incorporated, a non-profit corporation, "The Sword of the Lord Foundation." All the profits of "The Sword of the Lord Publishers" are irrevocably put in the hands of this corporation, incorporated under the laws of Illinois. I can never take the property for my own, it cannot descend to my family by inheritance, nor can I take any profit from the thousands of dollars invested in it. So "The Sword of the Lord Founda-

tion" belongs to God and Christian people. THE SWORD OF THE LORD itself is in a large sense the voice of evangelism in America. And there are so many Christian people who love and pray for this work that I feel led to give careful account of the business to the public. So I will explain some of the things that caused our financial distress from which God is graciously delivering us.

1. The Sword of the Lord Foundation has had a very rapid expansion. For a number of years we gained forty per cent in business each year. Without adequate financing to pay for the great stocks of books and the new equipment constantly required by our growth, we would naturally feel great need for financial backing.

2. There has been an enormous increase in printing costs. The Publisher's Weekly shows that all publishers in America have suffered from these increased costs. The cost of printing and mailing THE SWORD OF THE LORD actually doubled during war time (besides our doubled size) and the printing and binding costs of books more than doubled during the war. Then THE SWORD OF THE LORD increased to eight pages and we went months before raising the printing cost from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per year and then

eventually \$2.00 a year. During that time we were losing money on every issue of the paper, a total loss of thousands of dollars.

3. We had never solicited ads with the four-page paper because we felt we did not have enough room. When we increased to eight pages it took some time to build up advertising volume of high grade ads enough to help on the printing cost of the paper.

4. I continued to give away many thousands of dollars worth of books free. One six-month period during the war we gave away over \$13,000 worth of literature free. Most of it went to the chaplains for the soldier boys. Last year we gave away over \$14,000 worth. In one shipment this year to American chaplains in Europe,

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by the request of the head European chaplain of American armed forces, we sent over \$2,000 worth of literature. These gifts of free literature, with very little outside help, drained our resources.

5. We had serious loss on some projects over which I could not take personal supervision. The Sword Book Club last year lost over \$5,000, besides a serious loss on over \$6,000 worth of credit accounts. The Toronto Conference in May of this year had a deficit of \$1,487.48 which The Sword of the Lord Foundation and I personally had to bear.

6. Another reason for our financial distress was my own bad health. Since the first of January, 1946, when I had a near collapse and was discovered to be badly anaemic and overworked, I have had to watch myself continually to get my rest, build back my blood supply and strength. Preaching in great union revival campaigns, I did not have the extra energy to supervise all the business details of THE SWORD OF THE LORD (this Christian paper) and Sword of the Lord Publishers (the book publishing house), The Sword Book Club, and the conferences on evangelism, as I would have liked to have done. Thank God, He has wonderfully restored my strength bit by bit. While I must still be careful about my rest, I am doing full work, far more than most men ever have strength to stand up under, people tell me, and have victory in my

soul about the future.

### III. How We Met Financial Burden

Our loving friends and prayer helpers will be glad to know how we met the financial problems following the war.

1. First, we put Mr. Ladoit Stevens in charge of building up advertising in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. THE SWORD OF THE LORD is very popular with advertisers. Its large circulation and reader interest make it a very valuable advertising medium. The advertising brings in hundreds of dollars monthly to pay our printing bills.

2. We eventually raised the price on THE SWORD OF THE LORD and on Sword books to make each, as far as possible, pay its way.

3. I put into Sword of the Lord debts all I personally could spare from the love offerings that came to me in revival campaigns. Mrs. Rice worked regularly in the Sword Book Room in Wheaton. My children who are old enough to work, work steadily to help to pay their way through school.

4. Three young women who have been with me from ten to fifteen years have sacrificed greatly. They voluntarily took large reductions in salary and were content to receive only enough for the bare necessities. They could have gotten two or three times as much else-

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where, but the work is dear to them and they joined in the sacrifice, worked overtime. My daughter, Grace Jean, also took serious reduction in salary voluntarily.

5. We let the associate editor go (we had agreed when he came that all his pay would stop as soon as he got well established in revival work), saving \$75.00 a week for the time he had been in the office and saving the \$35.00 a week salary steadily, the year round, we were paying his secretary.

6. We stopped advertising in other Christian magazines for long months. Naturally that somewhat stopped our expansion, but it was necessary and we were determined to run everything on the soundest business basis. We stopped printing new books. For a season, when some of the smaller pamphlets were out of print, we did not reprint them until God began clearly to provide for the needs.

7. We set out to have regular prayer meetings over the matter of the financing of The Sword of the Lord. Besides our devotional period each morning with the whole office force at 8:30, the heads of departments began to meet each morning about 8:00. Once a prayer meeting was called and we stayed until midnight in prayer. More recently we have been meeting regularly once a week at 7:00 p. m. for prayer meeting. On Friday mornings we have a prayer meeting for one hour, beginning at 7:30. Some of us have really waited on God for

daily wisdom and guidance and help.

### IV. Praise and Prayer

We still have some bills to pay. We are still in need of the constant prayers of our friends. We are still most carefully cutting every corner to keep expenses down, to keep our good name among business firms.

I have a manuscript nearly done which I hope to start setting in type within a few days. A book by Dr. Robert G. Lee is now being put in type for immediate printing. There is genuine need for money to finance these books.

A great Christian corporation loaned us nearly \$8,000, two and one-half years ago. Now they plan to build and will need their money. We have repaid \$2,000. The other needs to be refinanced. Some Christian could make an investment that will pay regular interest rates, that will be a sound and safe investment, but at the same time will be used for getting out the gospel.

Last year 467 people wrote to tell us they were saved through Sword of the Lord literature. Letters like that come nearly everyday. God's smile is on the work. Everyday we are more sure than ever that God's blessing is on The Sword of the Lord and that He has a wonderful future for it. We beseech you to join us, in thanking God for His mercies. But please do not forget to pray for our needs for the future.

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### Evangelist Wagner in National City, California

Evangelist Eddie Wagner of Little Rock, Arkansas, writes as follows:

"I have just finished a meeting in the Roosevelt Avenue Baptist Church, National City, California, Rev. B. B. Garrison, the pastor, and the Lord blessed and the Holy Spirit spoke to the saved and unsaved alike. There were twenty-nine public confessions of faith in Christ and many rededications on the part of the Christians.

"I am now in a meeting in Lima, Ohio, where you held a city-wide revival a few months ago. The people are still talking about the meeting that you held, and many of them are telling of the blessing that they received from your preaching of the Word. I met the president of the Gideons here today and he also spoke very highly of your meetings. I was thrilled to hear of these reports; as there are too many people today trying to run down us evangelists, but usually, as in this case, people speak highly of evangelists and their soul-saving efforts many, many months after they have left the field.

"I am in a meeting in the Homeward Baptist church here in Lima, Bro. E. G. Riley, pastor. I covet your prayers and the prayers of your readers..."

### Evangelist J. E. Bagley Has 24 Public Confessions at New Castle, Texas

Rev. Johnny W. Barrett, pastor First Baptist Church, New Castle, Texas, writes a fervent commendation of Evangelist J. E. Bagley of Abilene, Texas, who has just closed a fine two week's revival campaign with them. Under Brother Bagley's preaching, there were scores of re-dedications, twenty-four public professions of faith, and many Christians started tithing. Evangelist Bagley will be with the First Southern Baptist Church, Zion, Illinois, October 5-19.

### Evangelist Jim Mercer in Good Revivals

Evangelist Jim Mercer of the Radio Revival, WCAR, Pontiac, Michigan, writes as follows:

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Brother Mercer enclosed a letter from Rev. H. L. Tolbert, Pastor of Alexander Park Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Virginia, written to Brother Mercer, saying:

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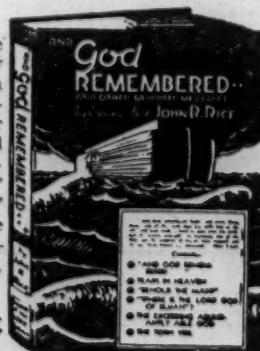
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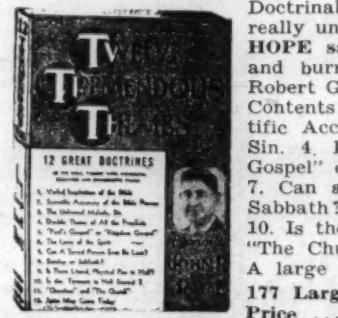
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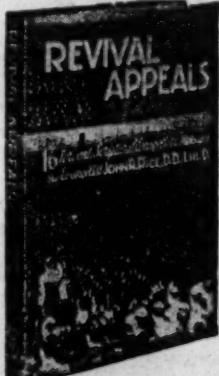
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